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Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2011, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 33rd and 38th meetings, on 10 May and 12 June 2012. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/66/SR.33 and 38).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 (A/66/658);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 (A/66/745);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/66/718/Add.11);

(d) Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the programme evaluation of the Mission (A/66/740 and Corr.1).

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.57

4. At its 38th meeting, on 12 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti" (A/C.5/66/L.57), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Kenya.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.57 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti,[1] the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the programme evaluation of the Mission,[3]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1529 (2004) of 29 February 2004, by which the Council declared its readiness to establish a United Nations stabilization force to support continuation of a peaceful and constitutional political process and the maintenance of a secure and stable environment in Haiti,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1542 (2004) of 30 April 2004, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for an initial period of six months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 2012 (2011) of 14 October 2011, by which the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Mission until 15 October 2012 and also decided that the Mission's overall force levels would consist of up to 7,340 troops of all ranks and a police component of up to 3,241 personnel,

Recalling further its resolution 58/315 of 1 July 2004,

Recalling its resolution 58/311 of 18 June 2004 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 65/256 B of 30 June 2011,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011 and 66/__ of _____, as well as other relevant resolutions;

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[1] A/66/658 and A/66/745.

[2] A/66/718/Add.11.

[3] A/66/740 and Corr.1.

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti as at 30 April 2012, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 124.4 million United States dollars, representing some 2 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only seventy-seven Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Affirms* that qualified candidates who are of Haitian origin and are holders of other nationalities are eligible to apply for international posts in the Mission, in compliance with the relevant United Nations legislative mandates and guidelines on recruitment and selection;

10. *Regrets* that the share of procurement activities awarded to local vendors has substantially decreased during the current financial year, and reiterates its request to the Secretary-General to ensure that the Mission increases procurement opportunities for local vendors;

11. *Decides* to allocate up to 8 million United States dollars for the community violence reduction programme for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen coordination among the Mission, the United Nations country team and other United Nations entities in accordance with their respective mandates, including in addressing the root causes of unexpected emergencies, such as the situation resulting from the cholera outbreak;

13. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General that he intensify his efforts to put into effect measures to mitigate the environmental impact of the Mission on Haiti;

14. *Welcomes* the efforts of the Mission to reduce external training requirements through the use of internal and online training, on-the-job training and train-the-trainer programmes;

15. *Notes* that the Secretary-General did not include in his budget proposal for 2012/13 the requirements for the construction of new headquarters for the Mission, and reiterates its readiness to consider the resource requirements of the Mission, as appropriate;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in this regard, to keep the construction plan for the new headquarters under review, in close consultation with the Government of Haiti, and to report thereon to the General Assembly as soon as possible;

17. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289 and 66/___;

18. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

19. *Takes note* of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services,[3] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the recommendations contained therein;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011

20. *Also takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011;[4]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013

21. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti the amount of 676,707,100 dollars for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013, inclusive of 648,394,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 26,847,300 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 1,465,800 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

Financing of the appropriation

22. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 196,463,350 dollars for the period from 1 July to 15 October 2012, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 64/249 of 24 December 2009, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2012, as set out in Assembly resolution 64/248 of 24 December 2009;

23. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 22 above, their respective share

[4] A/66/658.

in the Tax Equalization Fund of 4,612,325 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 3,665,032 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 781,868 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 165,425 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

24. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 480,243,750 dollars for the period from 16 October 2012 to 30 June 2013 at a monthly rate of 56,392,258 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 64/249, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2012, as set out in Assembly resolution 64/248, and for 2013,[5] subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

25. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 24 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 11,274,575 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 8,958,968 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 1,911,232 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 404,375 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

26. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 22 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 73,289,200 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2011, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 64/249, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2011, as set out in Assembly resolution 64/248;

27. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 73,289,200 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2011, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 26 above;

28. *Also decides* that the decrease in the estimated staff assessment income of 615,600 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2011 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 73,289,200 dollars referred to in paragraphs 26 and 27 above;

29. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

30. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

31. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as

[5] To be adopted by the General Assembly.

appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

32. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti".